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A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Mr. H. R. Lovell of
Cheatham County.

WHEREAS, As quoted from Françoise Gilot and Carlton Lake, in the first chapter of *Life with Picasso*, "Painting isn't an aesthetic operation; it's a form of magic designed as a mediator between this strange hostile world and us, a way of seizing the power by giving form to our terrors as well as our desires"; and

WHEREAS, As the official Tennessee Artist in Residence, Mr. H. R. Lovell, expresses the spirit and assets of Tennessee through his many works of art, contributing to the outstanding talent in this State and professional accomplishment in the creation of visual art; and

WHEREAS, Artistry not driven by the commercial pressures of today, Mr. Lovell's precisely detailed watercolors, egg temperas, and drawings touch on ordinary moments from our lives, evoking a sense of solitude and simplicity, his artistic expressions benefit Tennesseans as his perspectives visually depict a mind that deeply cares for the peaceful moments of this state and world; and

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WHEREAS, Born and raised in Cheatham County, Mr. H. R. Lovell's life is still very much centered in his rural community, as are much of the subjects of his works of art, which evoke a sense of simplicity and quietness; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lovell's works also give the viewer a chance to appreciate anew the honesty of a moment in time or the people and things that, in our haste these days, are often overlooked, if we haven't lost touch with them altogether; and

WHEREAS, Renowned and admired by other artists in his field, H. R. Lovell has had the opportunity to display some of his paintings at a show featuring the work of Mr. R. C. Gorman, known as "the Picasso of Native American Artists"; R. C. Gorman, a fellow artist and admirer of Mr. Lovell's work, has admiringly called H. R. Lovell, "the Andrew Wyeth of the South"; and

WHEREAS, As the Tennessee Artist in Residence, Mr. Lovell has proven his worthiness of the title and continues to promote Tennessee and the arts with his impeccable artistic talent and singular skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor Mr. H. R. Lovell of Charlotte for his unique talent, and his enhancement and expansion of the history and culture of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.